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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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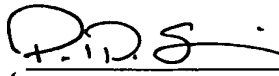
In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-10, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995) of method claims 11 and 12.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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